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1. SUMMARY.LEBANESE REACTION TO U.S. VETO OF SC
PALESTINE RESOLUTION REMARKABLY SUBDUED. HEADLINES IN
MAJOR PAPERS REFLECT BOTH OCCURRENCE OF VETO AND U.S.
INTENTION TO INTENSIFY PEACE EFFORTS, WHILE EDITORIALS
GENERALLY EXPRESS LACK OF SURPRISE. PRO-PLO "AL-MUHARRIR"
GOES SO FAR AS TO NOTE THAT VETO "DOES NOT CONSECRATE
NEW AMERICAN ATTITUDE... PRESIDENT WHO YESTERDAY VOTED
AGAINST PALESTINIAN CAUSE MAY VOTE FOR IT TOMORROE."
END SUMMARY.

2. NEWS OF VETO RELEGATED TO INSIDE PAGES OF MOST
PAPERS. HEADLINES IN MAJOR INDEPENDENT PAPERS
COMBINE VETO WITH U.S. INTENTION TO INTENSIFY PEACE
EFFORTS: "AN-NAHAR": "AMERICA PREVENTS SC FROM ADOPTING
FOR FIRST TIME RESOLUTION CONFIRMING RIGHT OF PALESTINIANS
TO CREATE INDEPENDENT STATE. WASHINGTON
PROMISES TO INTENSIFY ITS PEACE EFFORTS." "L'ORIENT-
LE JOUR": "AMERICA VETOS PRO-PALESTINIAN RESOLUTION
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BUT U.S. DELEGATE ADMITS THAT 'POSITIVE SUGGESTIONS'

WERE MADE." LEADING LEFTIST PRO-PLO "AL-MUHARRIR"
MERELY NOTES: "AMERICA USES VETO AGAINST NON-ALIGNED
DRAFT RESOLUTION IN MIDEAST AND PALESTINE CAUSE."
PRO-LIBYAN "AL-KIFAH AL-'ARABI" HIGHLIGHTS ABSTENTIONS:
"AMERICAN VETO. LIBYA AND CHINA ABSTAIN FROM VOTING
BECAUSE OF DRAFT'S LACK OF SUBSTANCE AND ITS
RECOGNITION OF ISRAEL."

3. EDITORIALS GENERALLY EXPRESS LACK OF SURPRISE.
LEADING LEFTIST PRO-PLO "AL-MUHARRIR" WRITES: "AMERICAN
VETO WAS NOT SURPRISING.... BUT IT DOES NOT CONSECRATE
NEW AMERICAN ATTITUDE.... PRESIDENT WHO YESTERDAY
VOTED AGAINST PALESTINIAN CAUSE MAY VOTE FOR IT TOMORROW,
AND YESTERDAY'S VETO MAY BE THE LAST. CHINA WAS A
'FORBIDDEN' THING, YET DAY CAME WHEN AMERICAN PRESIENT
VISITED ITS GREAT WALL."

4. LEADING PRO-EGYPTIAN "AL-ANWAR" WRITES: "AMERICAN
VETO IS NOT SURPRISING.... IT IS NO SECRET THAT FORD
WANTS TO RETURN TO WHITE HOUSE THROUGH MIDEAST DOOR, BUT
HE IS GOVERNED BY SEVERAL RESTRICTIONS. HE CANNOT PERMIT
ISRAEL TO WAGE WAR TO CHANGE BALANCE IN AREA, BECAUSE
ERA OF ISRAELI INCURSIONS HAS ENDED.... FIRST BULLET TO
BE FIRED WOULD KINDLE OIL WAR AND OPEN DOOR WIDE TO MOSCOW.
HE ALSO CANNOT -- OR DOES NOT WANT TO -- ACHIEVE PEACE
FOUNDED ON U.N. INSTEAD OF SC RESOLUTIONS, BECAUSE THIS
WOULD KINDLE JEWISH OPPOSITION DURING ELECTIONS."

5. INDEPENDENT "AL-BAYRAQ" IS MORE HOSTILE: "IF U.S.
AND BEHIND IT ISRAEL ... HAVE REJECTED RESOLUTION ON
ACCOUNT OF GENEVA CONFERENCE, THIS CAN MEAN ONLY ONE
THING: THAT AMERICA AND ISRAEL ARE OPPOSED IN PRINCIPLE
TO SOLVING ARAB-ISRAELI DISPUTE.INSTEAD, THEY WISH TO
RESORT TO MANEUVERS AND BLACKMAIL IN ORDER TO AVOID CORE
OF ISSUE."

6. LEFTIST PRO-SOVIET "ASH-SHA'B" GOES EVEN FURTHER:
"RESOLUTION WAS EXTREMELY MODERATE.... YET AMERICA
REFRAINED FROM VOTING FOR IT OR EVEN FROM ABSTAINING,
THIS CONFIRMING ITS COMPLETE SUBMISSION TO ISRAELI
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